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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Declaration and Power of Attorney

As the below named inventors, We hereby declare that: Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our respective names.

We believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MULTI ZONE CRACKING FURNACE, attorney docket 696-250, the specification of which was filed on January 28, 2000 and has received application serial number 09/493,350.

We hereby state that we have reviewed, and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this oath or declaration.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to us which is material to patentability and examination as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

None

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose all to be material to patentability as defined

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